

Canto Eighth

Text collated with:

Bod [adds. e. 10]

1817

1818

1829 (only select variants from this edition are recorded)

1834

1839

1840

Departures from Jones's transcription are noted by designating his reading with "BSM/XVII."

Ampersands in the draft MS have not been collated as variants from *and* except where they form part of a larger phrase containing other, substantive variants in punctuation, orthography, or diction

Our omission of the printer's double quotation marks and our alternative interpolation of single quotation marks into the text of **1817** to signify Cythna's speech within her speech, or that of the other characters she quotes in this canto, is not recorded below. We also do not collate any of these variants from the other editions listed among the primary collations. For an itemized list of these emendations entered into the text of this Canto, see the **Textual Note** appended to the Overview at the head of the Commentary for Canto VIII.

- 1 *line preceded by I took my seat beside the steersman then and And bade the sailors | sailors spread the sails Bod and] and, 1834 1839 1840*
gazing] preceded by said Bod
- 2 west] *west above seas*
- 3 sinking] setting Bod
watch-tower] watch tower 1840
- 4 *entire line preceded by Even yet the lighthouse will and the breeze winds are fleet Bod*
- 6 stream] *above breeze Bod*
- 7 stars,] stars; 1834 1839 1840
tremble] *win of twinkle overwritten by re Bod*
- 8 *entire line revised from We must not rest this night upon the sea Bod*
sea!—] sea;— 1834 1839 1840
- 9 *entire line revised from [There] Why linger ye those who seek a [?glorious] destiny Bod*
(ye uncompleted form of yet?)

- 10 entire line written below ~~The captain~~ Bod
- 11 and] and, 1834 1839 1840
- 13 wicked ghosts] *above water spirits* Bod
~~water spirits~~ BSM/XVII
- 15 dream,] dream 1834
that!—The] that! The 1834 1839 1840
- 19 islets, borne by wind and stream,]
isles, & ~~flew~~ with wind & stream sailed *above flew in canceled partial stanza* Bod
- 20 sailed,] sailed 1834
near] near, 1834
- 21 listen;—in] listen; in 1834
- 22 pale] *above descending* Bod
- 23 calm] [?wild] Bod
rear;] fear *above blotted* rear Bod
rear: 1829 1840
- 24 Ye all are] Ye are all 1839 1840
Ye] We Bod
broad moon gives] [?] stars give Bod
- 25 wear,] wear. 1834 1839 1840
- 26 speak—beneath] speak, beneath 1834
- 28 Your own hands] That your hands Bod
an] a Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840
- 30 For some,] Where now Bod
fond eyes are pining] *above some fond eyes pine* Bod
- 31 his] your Bod
- 32 rush from the] will [greet] beside *above play near* the Bod [greet]] [?meet] BSM/XVII
- 33 *final version of line written vertically on inside margin* Bod

toil] work? ~~work~~ Bod work *BSM/XVII*

34 some] ~~an~~ above ~~some~~ Bod an *BSM/XVII*

35 Such purposes] Such ~~strong~~ purposes Bod
a] *omitted 1834*

36 that God] some Power *1818 1834 1839 1840*

37 then is God?] is that Power? *1818 1834 1839 1840*
And what is God? Bod
ye] Ye *1834 1839 1840*

40 shew] show *1839 1840*

41 thoughts] thoughts, *1834 1839 1840*

42 Lo! Plague is free] ~~to Pestilence and behold the Plague~~ among canceled passages; published version cleanly drafted on facing page Bod

46 then] *omitted 1818 1834 1839 1840*
God?] that Power? *1818 1834 1839 1840*
“What then is God]
~~What then is God and And what is God? and two more canceled lines above line~~ Bod
Stood] above ~~sate~~ Bod

47 Watching] preceded by Dreaming Bod

48 and in such mood] and in that mood ~~below in visioned~~ Bod

49 Form he saw] power he feared Bod
worshipped] worshiped *1834*

50 shewn;] shown; *1839 1840*

52 entire line revised from The fruit of killing poison grows thereon mortal below killing Bod

53 God has appointed] that Power has chosen *1818 1834 1839 1840*

54 his will,] his will **1817**
it's laws, *1818*
its laws, *1829 1834 1839 1840*

55 entire line preceded by two canceled lines: ~~And ye are told that God will punish wrongs.. and He will add pain~~

~~to pain crime above second pain~~ Bod
they have seen God, and heard from God,] that they themselves have heard and seen, 1818 1834 1839 1840

56 known] *above known heard* Bod

57 is all our law,] *good appears twice* Bod
And that his will is all our law, a rod]
A Shade, a Form, which Earth and Heaven between 1818 1834 1839 1840

58 us] *above all men and mankind* Bod
To scourge us into slaves—that] Wields an invisible rod—that 1818 1834 1839 1840
that Priests and Kings,] ~~tis the [?misfortune] [?our]~~ Bod ~~tis the [?] [?]~~ BSM/XVII

63 Tho'] Thro' 1834
Though 1839 1840
arm] *possibly written over ame of tame* Bod

64 "And it is said,] And ye are told Bod
that God] this Power 1818 1834 1839 1840

65 Yes, add despair] He will add woe Bod

66 his red hell's undying] deepest hell, and deathless 1818 1834 1839 1840
among] among, 1818 1834 1839 1840

67 bind] plunge Bod
he] is 1818 1834 1839 1840

68 like] as Bod

69 lived; —for,] lived—& Bod
lived; —for 1818 1834 1839 1840

70 *line preceded by canceled passage including* With words whose forms thy [will], make blind Bod
With [words] [?] [?] [?] [?], make [?blind] BSM/XVII
they say,] ~~men say above they say~~, Bod
say,] say 1818 1834 1839 1840

71 *this line below* The will of strength is law just above law Bod

72 Tyrants,] ~~The Imposter~~ Bod
Tyrants 1817
rule,] rule 1834

lies] lies, 1834

73 opinion] Opinion 1834 1839 1840

74 dim] *below thick* Bod
now fading on] that fades beneath Bod

75 tho'] though 1839 1840

77 tho'] though 1839 1840
shadow,] shadow 1818 1834 1839 1840

79 barren waves of ocean] inhospitable waves sea *above waves* Bod
ocean,] ocean; 1834 1839 1840

80 tyrant;] tyrant, **1817**

81 Command,] Command 1834
fear,] fear 1834
wreak,] wreak 1834
or suffer woe.] *below [?and overthrow]* Bod

82 *entire line revised from* For God is a name which maketh holy Bod
sign] *above name* Bod

83 the dream, the shade] the shade, the dream Bod **1817** 1818 *corrected in errata*
the dream, the shade, 1834 1839 1840

84 power,—lust,] power—lust, 1818 1829 1834 1839 1840
lust, falsehood, hate, and pride, and folly;] *above and below the child of falsehood and gray folly* Bod

85 fraud and wrong] fraud *above* wrong & foree Bod

86 *line written below canceled false starts including A law in this dark world* Bod

87 love,] love 1834
well known]
well- *above* unknown alters previous canceled line, ~~And human love or justice, names un known~~ Bod

88 dear mother,]
multiple revisions and cancellations above dear parent include dear mother *below* departed friend Bod

89 and] and, 1834 1839 1840
thrown,] flown, Bod

- 91 "O love!] O ~~human~~ Love, Bod
love!] Love! 1818
who] which Bod
wandering] above ~~erring~~ Bod
- 92 Ocean's weary] Oceans weary *above unreposing* Bod
waves!] waves, 1834
- 93 or joy!] and joy! **1817** 1818 *corrected in errata*
those] these **1817**
thou 1818 1834 1839 1840 1818 *corrected in errata*
- 94 labyrinth] *above dungeons* Bod
- 95 one clear star the seaman] *below the [?dry] shore the shipwrecked* Bod
saves,—] saves. **1817** 1818 1834 1839 1840
- 96 good,] *above pleasure* Bod
- 97 freedom] freedom, 1839 1840
tho' thro'] though through 1839 1840
- 99 crime,] crime **1817**
tho'] though 1839 1840
friend's] hearts Bod
- 102 And] And, 1834 1839 1840
inmost] *above [?blosmy]* Bod [?bloomy] BSM/XVII
thought,] thought Bod
- 103 *line reads* Until lifes se others day light are [?blown] Bod
- 104 *line preceded by* And to these melodies of sense & thought with daylight and Which with below Bod
To sit and] ~~To sit, and~~ Bod
with Joy,] at flowers, Bod
or, not alone,] or not alone Bod
- 105 salt] slow Bod
worn] [?warm] BSM/XVII
Woe;] [?love] BSM/XVII
- 106 one,—] one.— 1834

- 108 Earth,] Earth 1834
destiny] glorious joy Bod
- 110 another,] the other. Bod
- 111 For it] *above Because* Bod
For it is said God] And as one Power 1818 1834 1839 1840
- 112 And] So 1818 1834 1839 1840
captive] *above bond slave* Bod
- 113 his] her 1818 1834 1839 1840 her *above his* Bod
mother,] mother 1834
- 116 darkened—] poisoned. Bod
- 117 man,] man 1817 1834
slave;] slave, 1834
- 123 his chiefs delight in ruin] *above the pride & sport of kings* Bod
- 125 he is pursuing] *below of his undoing* Bod [?] his *undoing* BSM/XVII
pursuing] pursuing, 1834
- 126 O,] O 1834
obscure] *not in* Bod
- 127 slave,] slave; 1834
- 128 the child of scorn,] a child of scorn *below Friends whence are ye* Bod
- 129 The] *above An* Bod
home,] home. 1834 1839 1840
- 132 As] *below Even as and, above it, Like* Bod
- 133 born,] born 1829 1834 1839 1840
- 135 oppressors] oppressor Bod
- 136 need] *above might* Bod
- 137 its] *above their* Bod

- 138 entire line below That the dark faith whose Bod
- 139 world,] world 1834
- 141 moon!—] moon:— 1834
- 143 vapour] mist Bod
Man] ~~below~~ truth Bod
- 144 whose] above his Bod his will Bod his will BSM/XVII
gone.] flown Bod
- 145 equal!—from] equal!—From 1834 1839 1840
- 146 feel] above hear Bod
thro'] through 1839 1840
- 148 alas,] Alas, 1834 1839 1840
- 150 legends] below books which Bod
old] below told Bod
- 151 immortal] eternal Bod
- 153 discord of your hearts,] miseries ye have known Bod
hearts,] hearts 1834 1839 1840
- 154 pouring] above shedding Bod
- 155 Forth on] Upon Bod
steel and gold,] gold & Seythian steel Bod
- 158 unfold!] Unfold! 1834
- 160 Stained] Stain'd 1840
have] above are Bod
- 161 thus!] thus? 1834 1839 1840
- 165 for] or of for overwrites to of from Bod
from BSM/XVII
- 166 inevitable] unwilling Bod
the doom] it is the doom Bod

- 167 Is this, which has,] Which has been, or may Bod
must] must, 1834 1839 1840
- 168 humankind's.] human kind's. 1834
- 169 *line reads* Gathered by time to glut the famished tomb Bod
- 171 twine] *above deck* Bod
rings] *above snares* Bod
- 174 mind] hearts Bod
- 176 mirrors] mirror BSM/XVII
- 177 who] who, 1834
- 178 scorn's] a Bod
- 179 Enduring there] *Enduring there* Bod
- 181 ““Yes,] For Bod
Hate, that shapeless] Hate or Scorn that Bod
- 182 evil,] *evil below* [?] and, above that, ~~sacred~~ Bod
- 183 self-contempt] self reproach Bod
- 184 its] it's 1817 1818
its Bod 1829 1834 1839 1840
intwine] entwine 1839 1840
- 186 bitter prey,] bitterness, Bod
- 187 ninefold] tenfold Bod
- 188 fair] ~~bright~~ *above fair* Bod
- 189 Soon o'er the putrid mass he] Clasped round its bloodless ~~spoil~~, it prey *below* ~~spoil~~ Bod
- 190 *entire line preceded by* ~~Scorn not [not] thine own nor hate thy~~ Bod
soul,] heart; Bod
- 191 another's] another's *above thy* [?brothers] Bod

- nor loathe thine own.] nor loathe thine own *below* ~~but~~^{love} Bod

195 be at rest.—] be at peace rest ... *below* ~~Love demands~~ Bod
peace BSM/XVII

196 thine] *below* ~~our~~ Bod

197 can] *above* ~~may~~ Bod

198 might] may Bod

199 ““Speak] ““Speak, 1834

201 sail;—thou] sail.—Thou 1834
thou readeſt well the misery] well hast thou read the misery Bod

202 Told in these faded eyes,] Traced on our countenance Bod
countenaces BSM/XVII

204 dare not] cannot Bod
write] preceded by learn to Bod
dishonoured] withered Bod

208 ““Yes—I must speak—] As I hear thy [?] words; canceled in abandoned half stanza in Bod
my secret should have] canceled in abandoned half stanza in Bod
should] would 1834 1839 1840

210 flame] bold e of flame overwrites es of flames Bod [flames] BSM/XVIII

211 bosom] *below* ~~heart~~ Bod

212 Thee,] Thou Bod
mild] wild 1834

215 dividing] *below* ~~boundless and, above it,~~ dissevering Bod
dissevering] [?] BSM/XVII

216 unregarded] un *below* ~~dis~~ of disregarded Bod
calm and happy] calm & happy *below* ~~honourable~~ Bod

217 ““We drag afar from] after numerous false starts, including ~~We come from and We bear from~~ Bod
faireſt,] faireſt 1834 1839 1840

218 mountains lone,] *below* ~~lonely dales.~~ Bod [?] dales. BSM/XVII

lone,] lone; 1834

219 drag] [bear] Bod

220 stained and trampled] scorned & trampled *above turned to uses* ~~vile~~; Bod

222 dear] fair Bod

225 *entire line preceded by Which like the image of a flower in the and Which upon the stars* Bod
up] forth Bod

226 must] *preceded by will* Bod

227 Alas, alas!'] Alas alas *above The doom is fixed* Bod

228 cowering—] down, Bod
sobs] *preceded by loud* Bod

230 'till the stars 'gan to fail,] beneath the starlight pale Bod
'till] till 1829 1839 1840
fail,] fail. 1840

231 And] All 1834 1839 1840

232 gazed,] gazed *above stood*, Bod
Pilot,] Pilot 1834

233 locks,] looks, 1817 1818 1834 *corrected in errata*

234 Met mine in restless awe—] In awe was fixed on mine— Bod

235 ““Recede not! pause not now!] Ye must not pause I cried.— We *above Ye* Bod

238 the] their Bod [?there] BSM/XVII

239 soul?] hearts Bod
for your own,] for own, 1817 1818 *corrected in errata*

240 others'] other's Bod 1817 1818 1834 1839 1840

241 A heart] soul *below multiple cancellations of* A heart Bod

242 violate?—be] violate?—Be 1834 1839 1840
here,] here 1834

- 243 firm] true Bod
they] They 1834 1839 1840
- 244 with] d possibly intended for doth overwrites wi of with Bod [doth] BSM/XVII
- 245 the] ^{at} superscripted over e turns the into that Bod
- 246 thousand echoes] sudden echo Bod
- 247 entire line preceded by Into the air Liberty, Liberty and Upon the winds [For] the souls like them Bod
- 248 with] in Bod
- 249 Bolts were undrawn,] bolts were undrawn ~~bonds were untied~~ Bod
- 250 deck,] deck 1834
eye] eyes Bod
- 252 inconstant] flickering Bod
- 254 the shrines of unawakened thought,] ~~below of evaneseenee~~, Bod
~~evaneseenee~~ BSM/XVII
- 255 brows as bright] lips & brows Bod
as bright as spring or morning, ere] ~~unstained~~ — ere yet Pollution there Bod
- 256 entire line above ~~The records of impure endurance wrought~~ Bod
- 257 of cloud which wither not.—] which may be not.— Bod not— BSM/XVII
- 260 breathless] above ~~cloudless~~ Bod
- 261 Sweet talk,] Sweet talk above Whispers Bod [—?] [talk] BSM/XVII
- 262 mute,] mute; 1834
- 263 hue] hue, 1834
blown,] blown 1834
- 266 Shewed] Showed 1839 1840